

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

Sandpoint, Bonners Ferry, and Priest Lake Ranger Districts

Order No. F-11-002

Attachment A - Definitions

Acceptably stored:

- Stored in a closed vehicle (hard-sided camper, vehicle trunk, or cab or trailer cab) where the storage compartment is constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, will have no openings, hinges, lids, or coverings that would allow a bear to gain entry without breaking, bending, tearing, biting, or pulling with its claws (any windows in the vehicle must be closed); or
- Stored within a hard-sided residence, building, or storage container subject to the terms and conditions of a special-use authorization or operating plan; or
- Food and animal carcasses shall be suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points and 4 feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole (required to be 100 yards from camping or sleeping area); or
- Stored in commercial bear-resistant container or electric fence certified through the **Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Certified Bear-Resistant Equipment and Electric Fences for Public Lands** (<http://www.igbconline.org/html/container.html>); or
- Animal carcasses are not considered acceptably stored when within 100 yards of a camping or sleeping area or within 200 yards of a National Forest System Trail.
- Animal carcasses more than ½ mile from a camping area and more than 200 yards from a National Forest System Trail may be left on the ground.

Animal carcass: The dead body or parts thereof, of any harvested mammal, bird, or fish, including the head or skull plate with antlers or horns and hide or cape of big game animals or any dead livestock that may be found in the area encompassed by this order. Packaged or prepared animal carcass products transported into the restricted area for consumption, game birds, small mammals, or fish harvested for consumption in the restricted area are considered *food*.

Attractant: Food (as defined below), animal carcasses (as defined above), garbage, recycling, coolers (even when empty), cookware/utensils, grills, bait (such as used in legal fishing and trapping) and other human, livestock, or pet items that emit an odor such as personal hygiene products (e.g. soap, toothpaste, lotion, bug spray). Bird feeders (liquid, suet or seed) are defined as an attractant. This definition does NOT include water, baled hay, or hay cubes without additives.

Bear-resistant storage or garbage container: A securable container constructed of a solid material capable of withstanding 200 foot-pounds of energy applied by direct impact. The container, when secured and under stress, will not have any openings greater than ¼ inch that would allow a bear to gain entry by biting or pulling with its claws. A bear-resistant container developed commercially must be approved by the USDA, Forest Service, Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC). For commercial operations, the MTDC has an impact testing machine available to evaluate containers for strength. A list of bear resistant container distributors that have been certified by the IGBC is available in their Certified Bear Resistant Products Report located at:
http://www.igbconline.org/BEAR_RESISTANT_Oct2010.pdf

Camping/sleeping area: National Forest System Lands temporarily used for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently fixed structure or lands temporarily occupied by unattended camping equipment.

Food: Any substance, which includes human food or drink (canned, solid, or liquid – even in sealed containers), livestock feed (except baled hay or cubed hay without additives) and pet food.

Front Country: This area includes the following developed recreation sites: Stagger Inn, the west side of Priest Lake and Upper Priest Lake (Priest Lake Ranger District); Copper Creek CG; Robinson Lake CG and Boat Dock; Sinclair Lake Fishing Dock; Brush Lake CG and Boat Dock; Snyder Guard Station; Meadow Creek CG; Smith Lake CG and Boat Dock; Perkins Lake; and Stampede Lake (all on the Bonners Ferry Ranger District); and all acreage that makes up the Sam Owen area on the Sandpoint Ranger District.